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## TOWN CRIER

Rumor hath it that one of our intrepid Nimrods has but recently returned from a Robin Hunt. Be that as it may, nothing will break the Groundhog's grip on the weather situation for another five weeks and, anyway, it takes more than ONE robin to make a Spring.

Next highlight in the hunting "scheme of things entire" is the Middleburg Spring Races April 16 and 20 now being run in every tack room, barber shop or other meeting place of men in town. And the dusky rubber who lives, eats and sleeps hawes could give a lot of valuable dope to the professional dopesters if they would but listen.

This yarn comes from the Skinner stables and probably has no foundation in fact. A colored lad, valet to two of Jack's equine aristocrats, drank not wisely but too well one Saturday afternoon and did not show up at the stables until Monday morning. Then Jack met him at the gate and told him he was fired and to get right out of there. "No indeed, Mist' Jack! I can't go nowheres. Who'n de name of de Lawd would take keer o' my hawses like I likes 'em?" and so saying he picked up his brushes and worked up a glow on a stream-lined bay that reflected Jack's understanding and forgiving grin.

Mr. Frederick H. Prince, Sr., of Boston, Chairman of the board of Armour and Co. and father of Mr. Frederick H. Prince, Jr., of this place, sailed Friday on the Berengaria for his estate in the south of France where he will join Mrs. Prince for the remainder of the winter. Before sailing, Mr. Prince told members of the press that he considered the current recession as temporary.

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## FIRE RAZES REMLIK HALL OF WILLIS SHARPE KILMER

Remlik Hall, the winter residence of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Sharpe Kilmer at Remlik, Va., was totally destroyed by fire last Friday, February 4.

The result of a faulty heating system, flames first broke out in the attic where they were discovered that morning while Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer, with Dr. William Jackson, family physician and secretary to Mr. Kilmer, and Mrs. Jackson were all at breakfast. The house was of frame and with the nearest fire department five miles away, at Saluda, Va., it was impossible to do more than rescue the first floor furnishings, most of which were gotten out in time.

The loss which was estimated at \$100,000 was partially covered by insurance, though several rare horse paintings and valuable furs were among the many possessions destroyed.

Fortunately the stables were situated far enough away from the house to be out of danger of the flames.

## Virginia Breds Win At Southern Tracks

### Sun Egret Wins \$5,000 Handicap At Santa Anita For Compton Stables

With the second month of 1938 racing history getting under way last week, already some 20 horses have brought credit to their various sires now standing in Virginia through their winnings on four different tracks, totalling some \$16,080.

Outstanding among these was Sun Egret's performance last Saturday when that good three-year-old son of Sun Briar—Polly Egret from A. C. Compton's stable won the \$5,000 San Vicente Handicap out at Santa Anita. The chestnut colt's great showing over the seven furlong course, when he came on strongly to defeat his stablemate Legal Light, gave every promise of his being one of the top contenders for the \$50,000 Santa Anita Derby on February 22.

Down at Hialeah a week ago Tuesday, February 1, Mrs. Kirby Ramsey's young gelding Feng, by Kai Feng out of Bred At Home, displayed his nimble superiority over six other aspiring three-year-olds as he romped his way around the muddy track in a mile claiming event and finished with speed in reserve well ahead of the favored Upsala and Pelter.

Across the water that day, at Havana's Oriental Park, H. Steele's Pie Plate was repeating her triumph of January 25. This time it was a six furlong claiming race that the three-year-old daughter of Pilate and Nellie Gray captured from a field of eight, working her way around against strong opposition to come between the leaders in the stretch and

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## MOTORISTS SLOW DOWN WHEN PASSING HORSES

The perils of the rider and his horse on the highways are constantly increasing. All motorists are urged to show greatest possible consideration and caution when passing horses.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND DO NOT BLOW HORNS WHEN PASSING HORSES.

This should be a by-word and slogan for everyone in Virginia. Highway markers advising the tourist motorist of the presence of horses in the hunt-country would seem appropriate. This paper is now making an effort to get the Virginia State Highway Department to supply such signs.

Not content with merely whisking by horses, a great proportion of the drivers of high speed cars of to-day seem to feel the necessity of blasting away with their powerful air-horns. A horse and rider can hear of the approach of an automobile, there is no need of horn blowing.

PASS HORSES SLOWLY, QUIETLY, AND GIVE THEM DISTANCE!

## Camden Ready For Hunt Race Meeting

### Carolina Winter Training Center Bristling With Last Minute Preparations For Races

Though the Sandhills Racing Association commences the regular National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn., sanctioned meets with a bang next month, the Camden Hunt Meeting takes place on February 22, and is the unofficial curtain raiser for the hunt race horses. Following a Saturday and Monday of Horse Show activities, when the Virginians' Show is held on February 19 and the Hunter Trials a well known Camden event on February 21, the Camden races hold the spotlight.

James E. Ryan, well known trainer, who has twenty-nine horses in Camden at this time enjoyed a "field" day last year, when his mounts almost clean swept the four race programs. This year the card has been augmented with the addition of a hurdle and brush race. Releases from Camden advise of two flat races, two hurdle races, two brush races and a timber test.

From Camden, which has developed into a front rank winter training center for jumpers, for both old horses prepping and youngsters receiving their early education, comes word of a group of many important stables now making ready. On the list of those now quartered in the South Carolina resort are Granger Gaither with twenty horses owned by F. Ambrose Clark and Bayard Warren; Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott with seventeen, which she is training herself and Ray Wolfe with thirteen, the property of Alvin Untermyer, Ernest L. Woodward, W. B. Ruthrauff, Crispin Oglebay, L. W. Robinson, Jr., Miss Shirley Noyes, Anderson Fowler and others.

Henry W. Frost, Jr., recently shipped six down and is there himself now, while Jack T. Skinner has reserved stalls there and may have the

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## 43 HORSES BRING \$55,000 AT SANTA ANITA PARK SALE

In a sale held in the Santa Anita Park paddock, January 18, 43 horses in training, sold for over \$55,000, an average of \$1,279. H. H. Cross' Tranquility Farm, Purcellville was one of the largest consignors, when 12 head went under the gavel.

Three fillies and a colt by stallions standing in Virginia to-day were included in the gross lot. These were Bright Knight and Trace Call of Audley Farm, owned by B. B. Jones, and Judge Hay of Twin Oakes Farm, owned by Capt. R. J. Kirkpatrick.

Bert Williams paid the top price of the Tranquility twelve when he went to \$2,200 for Sister Hae, a two-year-old sister to the stakes winner What Hae.

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## Drinmore Lad U. S. National Favorite Among 56 Entrants

### Seven American Owned Horses Ready To Start In English Classic On March 25th

Although the field was reduced from 79 to 57 by declarations for the 101st running of the Grand National Steeplechase to be held on March 25, and further to 56, by the death of Ego, none of the seven American owned horses originally named were declared out. According to the odds quoted following the announcement of the weights, Drinmore Lad, owned by Paul Mellon, Upperville, carrying 166 pounds, is quoted at 16-1 and is the best liked of the starters from this side.

Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott's Battleship, by Man O'War, from Montpelier is given 20-1 odds and so is J. B. Snow's Delachance, English bred. The gallant little 15-hand Battleship, second in the Billy Barton, a Pimlico feature steeplechase in this country, in 1934 and winner of the American Grand National at Belmont Park before being shipped abroad is slated to carry 160 pounds. He has won a real place in the affections of the British race going public, winning 6 of his last 18 outings over there, including the Lonsdale Chase recently. He is one of the few entire horses going in the National.

The four other American horses are highly regarded, considering their odds as a criterion. Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark's Flying Minutes, out in front until the 24th fence where he fell last year, is quoted at 25-1 with the

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## FALL FROM HORSE FATAL TO MRS. E. B. MORRIS, JR.

Mrs. Effingham B. Morris, jr. of White Marsh, Pa., whose husband E. B. Morris, jr. is vice-president of the Girard Trust Company of Philadelphia, was killed on Sunday while riding a horse in the company of her brother, Winslow Lewis, Daniel Dougherty and J. H. Scott. Mrs. Morris was jumping a fence when the horse caught his leg and fell on her killing her instantly. The accident occurred about four miles from the Morris home, Silver Springs Farm in the White Marsh Valley.

Mrs. Morris' mother, Mrs. Francis Lewis was visiting her son and daughter, Joseph Lewis and Miss Mary Lewis in Clarke County at the time of the accident. They left immediately for Philadelphia. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Morris was 47 years old and had two children, Effingham Buckley Morris 3d and Julia P. Morris.

She was a noted horsewoman having ridden to hounds with many packs. She was a member of the White Marsh Valley Hunt with whom there was none better.

# The Horseman's News

## THREE GENERATIONS HAVE GIVEN GREAT FAME TO ELLERSLIE STUD

### Hancock Establishment Home Of Famous Pompey Leads Money Winning Studs For Third Successive Year.

One of the most remarkable and startling echoes heard to-day in the world of turf and thoroughbred breeding is the one that comes resounding down the rolling sides of Monticello and Carter Mountains above the Arthur Hancock Ellerslie Stud in Charlottesville, Virginia. Right into the little old square brick school house, where Mr. Hancock first learned "readin' and 'ritin'," it comes thundering, telling of the continued successes of Hancock and his son Arthur Jr., who are both carrying on the fame of the name that was started in Ellerslie almost a hundred years ago.

It was in 1842 that John O. Harris, Grandfather on Mr. Hancock's Mother's side of the family founded the Ellerslie Stud. This was carried on by R. J. Hancock, whose son the present day great Arthur Hancock went west to Lexington, Ky., founded the Claiborne Stud, and has carried the two to the top in outstanding fame and renown among American breeders. So as he has brought the continued successes through the years, this year the Hancock establishments amassed earnings that put them at the top of the heap in money winnings. For the third successive year have Ellerslie and Claiborne lead all the rest, winning \$416,558 this year, and are now housing more great stallions than any other stud farm in the world.

Though Arthur Hancock went out to Lexington, married a Miss Clay and made his permanent home there, (and this some thirty years ago and more), he has continued the active operation of Ellerslie. He believes in Virginia climate, the red clay, as is evidenced when he ships Kentucky weanlings back to the Old Dominion State to grow vigorously into stalwart yearlings and go onto Saratoga Sales for great prices.

Four Gentrys are the guiding lights in the Charlottesville Hancock interest, tucked away below the foothills behind Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson. W. A. Gentry, father of three sons, is so keenly conscientious about his Ellerslie that he isn't even enticed to Saratoga in the summer—"for there is just too much to be done farming." Though Mr. Gentry, Sr., has complete charge, he is giving most of his time to the managing of the 1,600 acres of paddocks, grazing and farm lands and has as his assistant his son Walter. This branch of the stud farm is a complete assignment in itself and he has little to do with the actual progress of the routine life of the stallions, mares, weanlings and yearlings.

Over a hundred head of cattle, (some 48 feeders), and a hundred odd head of sheep are there on the place doing their part in sustaining the richness of the paddock grasses. The physical equipment of the plant is magnificent. There are besides the main big house, which has remained unchanged since 1842, except for slight modernizing inside, eleven barns and an implement building. There are four stalls in the stud barn, 35 yearling boxes, (and big fifteen foot square ones too), 57 accommodations for mares, as well as a barn for 18 work horses.

Howard M. Gentry and W. Bryan Gentry are in charge of the mares, yearlings and stallions, and have been there on the job for these many years, the latter for 31. He got his start at nine, getting 50 cents a week, soaking a sore footed horse, 2 hours a day.

Harrassed with inquisitive visitors as they are, daily these men, Gentrys four, gave the Chronicle the warmest and most hospitable welcome recently, and patiently took the writer over the entire farm.

Of course it was to Pompey, Virginia's leading money winning stallion that Bryan Gentry took us first. There he was standing with more justifiable pride than ever. For had he not just heard of his son Pompoon's successes of the previous week, when Jerry Louchheim's War Admiral-chaser made such a splendid showing out in California that he had become a favorite over the scintillating Seabiscuit for the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, after winning his first 1938 outing. In fact the same expression and head and look through the eyes that Pompey has stamped all of his get with, was evident in the photograph of the 4-year-old Pompoon winning a week ago.

Pompey, who won 13 races and \$143,395 including stakes, is by the celebrated Imp. Sun Briar—Cleopatra, by Coreya, and is 15 years old. He is in wonderful condition, a deep ruddy bay of 16:2 hands, and covered 38 mares last year. His book is full, 41 for this year according to Gentry, though it is probable that the joint owners of the sire will only put him to 39 mares this season.

With Mr. Hancock, Charles A. and Whitney Stone own Pompey. His youngsters romped home 33 times for a total of \$93,862 in first monies on the recognized tracks of North America in 1937. The Stones who own Morven Stud, adjoining Ellerslie, and who have a number of good yearlings by Pompey over there now, will use him to 12 mares this year, while the R. A. Van Cliefs, over in Esmont, Va., will bring six mares to him.

Petee Wrack, the handsome big son of Imp. Wrack—Marguerite, by Celt, winner of 12 races and \$98,990 and a half-brother to Gallant Fox and Fighting Fox, is one of the three stallions at Ellerslie to-day. He, in the standing of Virginia sires as money winners, is knocking at the door for stable-mate Pompey's top honors. His get won \$76,397 last year.

At 13 he is in beautiful shape, and though his books are not full as yet, he will probably be put to more than 17 mares this year. Petee-Wrack, because of his size and the jumping ability of his daddy, Imp. Wrack and numerous paternal half-brothers—Bulls Eye for instance, should be more popular with the breeders in Virginia interested in 'chasers. "Petee" has had already a winner or two over jumps, and all that have been tried have won.

"Petee's" filly Columbiana, it may be recalled, ran the fastest mile and a quarter ever turned in by a filly to win the Widener last winter. He is 17 hands and all of his youngsters show real turns of speed.

Tintagel the youngest of Ellerslie stallions, five, is entering his first year at stud. A bay, of full 16 hands, he was the leading two-year-old of his year, winning the Futurity and some \$75,100. He also won at four.

There has been a good demand for him, and his book of 18, not more than 20, was quickly filled. When we saw him, he was just being taken out by Howard Gentry, under saddle for his usual 45 minutes of slow work and some galloping. He is still favoring his right fore, which trouble caused his retirement over a year ago. This half-brother of Sargent Byrne, winner of six stakes, is co-owned by Mr. Hancock and Marshall Field.

It may be recalled, that it was in 1935 that Tintagel raced in the Field colors of straw and cerise hoops, and was just barely beaten out, by the unheard of then, Grand Slam, in the Arlington Futurity classic. And so Tintagel who was of great satisfaction to Field on the turf, now moves into his first year at stud, with most of the mares he will cover, owned by Messrs. Hancock and Field. The Van Cliefs will send two mares to him.

Marshall Field, who owned a substantial place here in the "hunt-country" "Chillybleak", now the George Garretts, believes in Virginia and has many of his yearlings wintering at Ellerslie, fourteen in all. Among these are three Stimulus youngsters, two colts; a bay out of \*Crestema, a chestnut out of Nimba and a bay filly out of \*Sans Lumiere, who is a full sister to \*Jacopo. All of these were bred in Kentucky and were sent to Virginia as weanlings. Field also has a \*Sir Gallahad 3rd,—\*Foxcroft colt and a brown colt by \*Jacopo—Escutcheon there too.

There are thirty yearlings in all on the Ellerslie Farm now, with an outstanding array of eight fine looking prospects by Pompey. Five of these are colts, one out of Firetop owned by John Macomber, a half brother to Columbian and the other owned by the master of Ellerslie himself. Mr. Hancock's Pompey colts are out of Fastenet, Hurry Home, Permission and In Bound

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## VALOROUS

Chestnut Horse—1924

Winner of \$52,918 including Champagne Stakes, Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes, Manhattan Handicap (beating Osmand and Whiskery) and many other races.

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		*Royal Rose..	Royal Hampton
			*Belle Rose
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			Lady Reel
		Stamina.....	Nasturtium
			Endurance by Right

VALOROUS traces in tail female line to Brown Bess, by Camel, ancestress of Muskiet, La Fleche, John O'Gaunt, Polymelus, etc. It is the No. 3 family.

COURAGE, daughter of Hamburg, is also dam of the stakes winner Courageous, and the winners Bravery, Turbulent and Plucky (dam of Plucky Play, stakes winner of 13 races and \$151,380). Second dam, the good mare, Stamina, winner of the Matron Stakes, Brighton Produce Stakes, Double Event, and the Ladies, Gazelle, Mermaid and Alabama Stakes. Third dam, Endurance by Right, one of the great race mares of all time.

THE VALUE OF WHITNEY BLOOD IS A BY-WORD IN RACING TO-DAY. IN THE PEDIGREE OF VALOROUS, BREEDERS WILL RECOGNIZE THE PREPONDERANCE OF THIS BLOOD.

VALOROUS has sired the good stakes winner Bold Turk, a 2-year-old winner of this year, of 7 races and \$20,000 in stakes and purses. Table Stakes is another stakes winner. Heroique, Borsas, Lady Valorous, Harem Queen and others are also some of Valorous' good winners.

All barren mares coming to this stud subject to Veterinary Examination.

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# Hunting Notes:-



## Middleburg

Middleburg Hounds were out again last Saturday, when M. F. H.'s Miss Charlotte Noland and Daniel Sands combined to give followers a great day's sport. To accurately summarize the five and a half hour outing would be impossible because of space limitations. However after an hour of drawing country on both sides of the Washington Highway, a fox was started down near Pole Cat hill, and he went round and round and came out finally for a straightaway run to the top of Institute Mountain.

Followers, and there were 66 horses in the field, enjoyed a number of short bursts, circles of ten minute durations, before the big red, viewed a number of times, took off for the mountain. The Chronicle's hunting reporter was mounted on a 7-8's bred chestnut as tough as they come, belonging to the grand old horseman Louis Leith, and enjoyed his superlative jumping style when put to some big ones by the thrusting three some of brothers James and Jack Skinner and Betty Brown.

Hounds carried a line on one fox for over an hour and a half, and it was a tired group that finally surmounted Institute. Mr. Sands had an opportunity of throwing in a few well directed jibes at some of his followers on weary horses who had extended them before the fox really was straightened out.

Among those still with Mr. Sands on the top of Institute, where the most beautiful panorama sight of Middleburg country rolling away to the westward may be viewed were: twelve hard riding Foxcroft girls with Miss Eleanor Mackubin their guiding light and instructress; Miss Anne Waddell and Mrs. Holger Bidstrup whose mounts pulled shoes; Beatty Brown, Arthur White and son Ridgely, and others.

Others hunting with Middleburg this week were: James McCormick, whose "green tail" acquitted well; Miss Mary Merrill Hubbard out for her first hunt in Virginia, daughter of Mrs. Merrill Hubbard; Stephen Clark, Miss June Hanes, Miss Theresa Shook, Roger Fred with son and daughter; Miss Nannie Fred, Miss Julia Whiting, Herman Piggott and young Roger Simpson riding a Piggott half brother of Gallant Fox out three days in a row; Lud Patton, Harry Worcester Smith, Miss Willett Leache, the Ambassador of Poland, Count Georges Potocki just back from Poland; Mrs. Silvie Hazard and daughter Miss Nannie; Louis Duffey on Miss Connie Regan's fine looking little grey going great guns; and James Skinner, on Mrs. G. P. (Paupie Cabot) Metcalf's "Brother" who took down a post and rail in a decisive manner.

Meeting at Hibbs' Bridge at eleven on Tuesday a small field of followers went forth with M. F. H. Sands and conditions practically ideal. Two foxes were bolted, but not for long runs, but while hounds were running they were fast. After putting in the second fox a draw was made down towards Gilead and back to Hibbs' Bridge again, and hounds taken in at three.

Crompton Smith distinguished himself and horse over a cattle trough in a field.

## Piedmont

The meet was at the Josh Fletcher's on Friday, February 4, and George Roberts Slater took hounds out in the absence of Dr. A. C. Randolph, absent in Florida. For over forty five minutes, a large field of over thirty odd followers enjoyed good hound work, a short burst, and were never off Fletcher-owned-land. It was a beautiful day, the temperature in the sixties, and the short few minutes burst through four fields made many of the horses break out.

At the end of an hour, the second fox was started of the day, and what a run he gave, carrying hounds at a two minute clip over a good five miles of country. It was just as fast as you could ride over the good country, through the Slater and Sabin Farms swinging left handed, and then again right, and finally into Welbourne bottom, where the fox took to his den. The pace for these fifteen minutes was so fast that the followers were straggling in for some ten minutes.

Mr. Slater and Huntsman Craun then took hounds across the Winchester-Washington Pike, south into the Slater property, where five foxes were found in the Fauquier fields some months ago. Drawing along through the Slater property, south, the third fox of the day was started in Goose Creek bottom. Swinging right handed south and west out of the bottom, the fox carried hounds up into the field above. The lead hounds six and a half couple, got away in front.

As Huntsman Craun and Whipper-in Beavers arrived on the plateau land coming out of the woods, Sonny Dishman halloed them on to the west, with some eight couple, on another fox and a short lived run.

Taking a lead from Fred Carter, who was thoroughly at home with the country there behind H. B. Phipps' Rockburn Farm, Louis Duffey, Tommy Cook and The Chronicle picked up the lead hounds by going further down the Creek before climbing the hill top. The hounds had swung sharply left handed and made a straight twenty minute line of it, streaking across, Slater's, the Glasscock cattle land and into Paul Mellon's Rokeby Farm, over new post and rails and walls with riders. Hounds, (hunted badly on by their followers, for there wasn't a voice in the foursome they'd heed, but they didn't need any hunting anyhow.), put the red to earth.

Picking up another, with seven couple in all, the Carter-Cook-Duffey-Chronicle combine got the hounds on another line for a short circle, and were just getting under way well, when Huntsman Craun's horn called it a day of it. Among others hunting with Piedmont during the past week

were: Bayard Sharp down from Wilmington; Lud Patton, Harry Worcester Smith, Miss Julia Gatewood, Dick Peach, Roger Bayly, Mrs. Robert Young, Charley Cushman and Herman Piggott. Three Mellon and five Guest hunters were out.

Piedmont Hounds proved their manners in a note-worthy fashion up on the Bedford Fletcher place. A rabbit got right out of their midst, practically "spat in their eyes", and got away without even so much as a whimper of a murmur from the pack.

## Blue Ridge

One of the best days of the season occurred last Saturday with two foxes providing long fast runs. The Hounds met at Carter Hall and drew back through Mt. Airy farm. A fox was put out of the Burwell woods and headed east towards the Payne farm. Below this place he turned and ran North almost to Springsbury then swung back Southwest. He made a point for the Clay Hill farm of Captain Johnston where he was denned. It was a fast hunt of three quarters of an hour with the hounds running their quarry hard all the way. The pack was then hunted up towards the Vineyard where the second fox was jumped. He ran through the Vineyard woods east and then south to the bridge over the river. It was very difficult country to get through and at one place to keep with hounds the field were forced to jump a fence with nothing but a sapling to protect them from the wire underneath the jump. Among those who were in the top flight was Mrs. Billy Wetherall riding side saddle because her broken instep did not permit her putting on a boot.

Wednesday the hounds met at Farnley of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mackay Smith. A fox was found near the Railroad track to the west of Farnley. A very fast 20 minutes ensued with horses being ridden all out to stay with hounds. The fox ran in a westerly direction across the Trenary farm and was finally denned near the Front Royal Pike.

## Warrenton

Thursday, Feb. 3, with Capt. R. J. Kirkpatrick doing the acting-Master job, hounds met at the Oakwood home of the Sterling Larrabee's at eleven thirty. Hounds found immediately in the first cover, going away through Bellevue to Piney Mt., circling then into Free State and back to Piney, for an hour and fifteen minutes. It was a bang up run, in spots, you had to move fast to stay up. Two and a half couple of lead hounds were out well in front, but made a loss on Piney where the balance of the pack went on. Hounds hunted exceedingly well.

Saturday, Feb. 5, the meet was at Bethel with Capt. Kirkpatrick acting M. F. H. Hardly had hounds entered the first cover then a fox was started in Kirkpatrick's Twin Oakes bottom, and circle around one field was made, when hounds put the fox to ground.

A draw through Miss Addie Blackwell's farm ensued and a fox was bolted in the open there, back through the bushy field by the old Warrenton Country Club, with whole pack close on line, fox was put in after fast short run. A third fox was routed on Mr. Rector's, in the big cover on the back of the farm, but went straight-way to ground in the "foxes-club-house", after crossing Casanova road, on Rector's.

Capt. Kirkpatrick, Huntsman Miller and followers were persistent and went on, despite the three short lived runs. Still another fox went away back of Carpenter's, in fact

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SUN MEADOW'S first crop of foals were raced in 1937 as two year olds. Of the six, five of them were winners and the other finished in the money several times.

## HOMELAND

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## BOUNDARIES in WOOD

BY Rachel L. Lloyd.

The subject of enclosures is almost endless in variety, but as I have been writing more of the simpler and less formal gardens, I thought I would only mention now, those boundaries, which are made of wood.

If your garden budget is very small, I do not think you could spend a part of it more wisely, than in a strong, yet attractive fence. Besides making a very good background, it is almost essential, where your garden is apt to be the prey of such things as dogs, children, chickens and many other marauders who do not consider your efforts seriously.

To start with the simplest of all, (and I do hope this won't prompt anyone to steal, particularly if they have it sitting in their own field) is the reddish, snow fencing which the state has put out this winter. This fence when painted white, makes an ideal substitute for a picket fence. You can obtain this from the New Jersey Fence Co., Burlington, N. J. for less than 10 cents a foot. A most unusual gate can be made out of this same material by separating the slats and nailing them on to a strong frame in various designs. Last Spring a gate designed as a fan, using this material, was awarded a prize by the Garden Club of America. The owner estimated the cost at \$1.20.

Another very attractive fence, especially for a country garden, is an ordinary post and rail, either straight with mortised posts, or still better, a snake fence, using each V as a place in which to plant a fruit tree. If your garden is small, pick out extra short rails, so that your fence

will be in proportion. It may be necessary with a fence of this kind, to nail a bit of chicken wire along the bottom, in case of small dogs etc. This has its usefulness as it makes a good support for vines. If you have ever seen a weathered rail fence, with yellow roses climbing over it, I am sure this will be your choice.

The next fences are more expensive, although if you use rough, undressed lumber it will be a lot less. The first is a straight, plank fence, which you may or may not have your own opinion, as to the way it should be built. My idea, however, is that it should never be less than four rails. The rail next to the ground being about 7 inches wide. The next rail 6 inches and the next two both 5. These are nailed to 4 inch locust posts which have caps on top to keep them from rotting. A variation of this, you have seen very often, that is to cross the two upper planks and add another plank to finish the top.

The last fence, which is by far the most protection both against wind and intruders, is a solid plank fence, boards of any width may be used, but whatever size you choose, use it throughout, as each board should be either pointed or rounded on top to make a more finished looking fence. Be sure, however, that whoever builds this for you leaves an air space of 3 or 4 inches so that the boards will not rot on the wet ground. In using rough wood, it is a good idea to paint it with white creosote instead of white wash as it is more permanent. Again I would suggest apple trees to be planted on the outside, close enough to the fence, so as to hang over into the garden.

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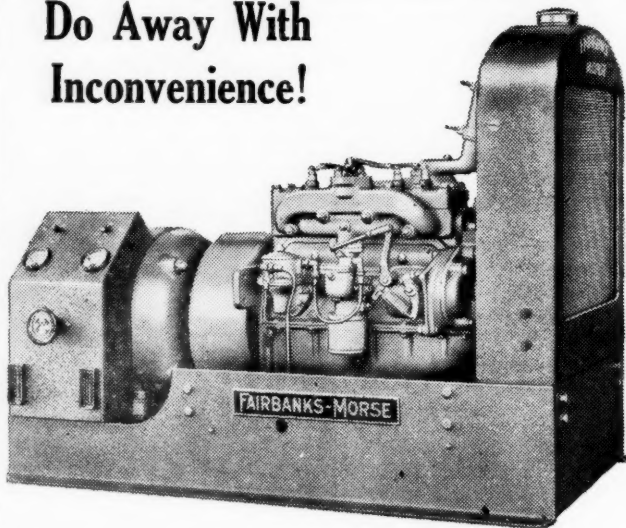
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## KATTY

My dear—  
So many "shooting stars" are still DOWN SOUTH. What a bloody sport, I must say. I like a VERY little of it at one time. Ollie Iselin and his better half have been from one southern state to the other on shooting expeditions. Now after a month of more of this sport, would you not think they would turn once again to fox-hunting?

You will be interested to hear that Dan Sands has again taken up bowling. (I was told yesterday.) I hear he is quite good at IT.

Richard d'Epremanil (can't spell it yet, I call him "Dick"), has gone back to France for a few weeks. He is very brave to leave that lovely Adeline behind.

All one hears these days is about some mischief makers amidst our "hunting country". Someone is supposed to be going the rounds saying WHO must be asked or allowed to hunt and who must not. That somebody (she or he) is a — poor sport. I suspect it is a HE very strongly and that HE better keep mighty quiet, for he is already so unpopular (with the farmers particularly) that it would take very little for those "not wanted" by him to tell him JUST what he is.

Warrenton is practically empty. All the LOVERS OF THE CHASE are basking in Florida or in the tropics. Is it not ridiculous how FEW people REALLY love to foxhunt?

Poppy is more poisonous than ever. Her constant giggle makes one want to shriek at her. How CAN any head exist with so little in it? She still believes, my dear, that she is irresistible to the male gender. She starts purring the instant she sees any man, even a kid out of college, or an old bird with second eye sight. Some "ITS" fall, but SO few, she won't last long.

Some of our friends will pass out cold when they find out WHO is to buy and in Orange County and also in Middleburg County. One of the purchasers loops the loop when tight and a good fight is all he looks for. Bacchus is his middle name. The other? is quietly buying UNBEKNOWN to most people. He (it is a HE) is one that Hitler would scorn. You know the TYPE I mean.

I must rush to Washington for a — dinner!

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## TOWN CRIER

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porary and based his opinion upon the premise that "the farmers who are the real foundation of American prosperity are in good condition. They are cheerful and have been making money." Mr. Prince said that he thought fear of labor troubles had caused overloaded inventories, higher prices and a cessation of buying. Stating that he has been in business for 55 years and has seen panics and depressions come and go and "no two of them are alike," the financier predicted an end of the recession within 90 days. In his opinion "it takes Washington a long time to learn what the business needs of the country are. I think Washington should stop its reforms and leave recovery to the American people." Mr. Prince is nearing the four-score mark, is active and energetic and has been M. F. H. of the Pau, France hunt for the past 27 years, the only "foreigner" to be so honored.

Mrs. S. P. Luck, Sr. had as her week end guests Mrs. E. A. Capen, Mrs. Virginia Warren and Miss Louise Ashton, all of Washington. Mrs. J. M. Douglas is thought to be recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia at Garfield hospital, Washington, where she has been a patient for the past week. Mrs. M. S. Reed and Miss Eugenia Reed returned from Raleigh, North Carolina where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Hicks.

Mrs. Edward U. Holton who sold her estate to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Talbott of New York, is spending some time in Florida with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hentricks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Luck, Jr. and Mayor and Mrs. Wm. J. Luck saw the Virginia-Navy boxing match and the Washington and Lee-Navy basketball game at College Park, Md. Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gartrell were visited over the week-end by Miss Winnie Gray Gartrell, L. L. Lightcap and Dick Koontz, all of Washington.

Little Patricia Duffey came home Sunday from Washington where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hugh McGraw.

### 43 HORSES BRING \$55,000

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Judge Pan, br. g., 3, by Judge Hay—Generola, L. W. Kidd, \$300.

Margaret X, blk. f., 3, by Trace Call—Miss Hoptown, L. W. Kidd, \$275.

Trace of Erin, br. f., 2, by Trace Call—Flower of Erin, L. E. Redmon, \$250.

Nancy Alyea, Bert Williams, \$2,200.

Mr. Finn, ch. c., 3, by St. Henry—

### NOTED HORSEMAN DIES

Julian Morris, 71, of Keswick, Va., noted horseman and one time Master of Keswick hounds, died in Staunton, Va., last Sunday.

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# Editorials

## HUNT RACE CHARTS

An unusual situation has arisen this year out of the publication of the summaries of the Hunt Meetings. They have, since 1910, provided a very successful record of the activities of the steeplechase horses who race each year under the sanction of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association. Without this record, horsemen, trainers, owners and race fans generally would be at a loss as to where to turn for valuable records of the hunt meetings.

It appears, however, as the 1938 season opens, that there will be no charting of the races unless more interest is shown the present publishers of the charts, Polo Magazine, Inc., publishers of Horse and Horsemen under the direction of Peter Vischer. At least, according to Mr. Vischer, Horse and Horsemen will not sponsor the charts this year unless there is an insistent demand for them. Since the announcement of his intention to discontinue the charts, Mr. Vischer has received a flood of letters requesting that the charts be continued, but it is still a question in the Editor of Horse and Horseman's mind as to whether the requests are worth the \$2,500 it costs to issue them.

Charting races is not as technical as it sounds. It means placing the horses accurately throughout a race, ascertaining the correct weights, seeing that the correct rider, trainer and owner are given and in general making a faithful record of the activities of each Hunt Race Meeting. The very informality of Hunt Race Meetings that is their great charm to many, is also a great source of difficulty in the compilation of accurate records. But the records have to be accurate or they are the better by their absence. The question, then, is, who is willing to pay for their accuracy?

The honor of first having originated and then maintained the Records of Hunt Meetings goes rightfully to Judge Frank J. Bryan, Secretary of the National Steeplechase & Hunt Association who published the first summary of Hunt Meetings in 1910 in conjunction with George W. Gall. The Judge maintained these publications at considerable expense until 1917 when the war brought a curtailment to all sport while riders donned khaki instead of silks.

After a lapse of some years, the Hunt records were compiled again in 1930 by Peter Vischer. The 1937 record is just coming off the press. Sent in loose leaf form, the charts are then collected at the end of the year and published in book form that makes a truly valuable record. Their trouble is that they are costly without having any particular remunerative value. It would be a great pity to stop these records. It is a problem for all those with the good of Hunt Race Meetings at heart to consider carefully, so that a way may be found to continue the work in the same unselfish spirit in which it was inaugurated in 1910 and so carefully carried out today.

## THE LITTLE MAN SPEAKS

The little men in Washington provided in their meeting one of the most refreshing and stimulating events that has fallen for many a day on the national scene. They came, they shouted themselves hoarse and they were heard around the world. It was a perfectly wonderful spectacle of American Democracy alive, awake and fighting. No one should care what they did or what they said, for it was how they said it and how they did it that matters.

How discouraging if but a handful of dispirited little men had appeared in Washington, gone and shaken the President by the hand, and echoed the words of their little spokesman, that the country was alright, that they had no suggestions to offer but to follow the President. Then seriously would there have been cause to fear for the future of this country for things are not right, things are all wrong, and those little men knew it and were not afraid to tell the world they weren't ready to quit. Instead of a group too small to fight, too weary to care, came a militant band of 1,000 determined to be heard, determined to speak out.

This is no time for soft words, for delay, and for polite gestures. This is a time for strenuous activity, for deep thinking and for quick acting. It is a time when every American should be on his toes, working, striving, fighting for what he believes to be the best for his country and for himself. Democracy is on trial all over the world. Democracy is fighting for its very life and we are the greatest Democracy on earth. Is this country to sit quietly by while European dictators prove that by stifling the individual into sub-

servience and making nations but puppet shows, the ills of the world can best be cured?

No, faith in Democracy is still strong in this country. How do we know? Because a group of determined, noisy, shouting Americans came to Washington and insisted on being heard as 1,000 individuals of a great country. Their rights were still dear enough to them to be fought for, their ideas were still important enough to them to be shouted to the house tops. What difference if some were thrown out? They wanted their say and they had it. The plan they formulated, or the words their chairman finally put down as their collective expression is not important. It is clear enough to the entire nation that they had no single idea with which to solve the ills of the world. How could they be expected to have, for nobody else has either?

What they did have was courage to battle, the will to fight and the knowledge that their rights as individuals were still the important thing, important above all else. The meeting of the little men was an uprising of the people, the sturdy, self-reliant, thinking people of this country that should give renewed faith at a time when it is easy to say the whole world's in a mess, let's let the other fellow do the worrying. It is a great reminder that Democracy is not dead in this country, that the men who won the war in 1918 have just begun to fight in 1938.

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## Ellerslie Stud

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and are all splendid looking big fellows, to be genuine 12-month-old yearlings in March and April.

The Scout, (Ire.) 1927, by \*Sir Gallahad 3rd, only last year returned to Ireland, was brought to Ellerslie by William Woodward and stood there four years. He has some promising looking yearling ladies in a chestnut filly out of Friar's Love, a dark bay filly out of Scally and a chestnut one out of Alert there to carry on his name. The Scout with 21 of his get winners last year, garnering \$22,605, was sent to Ireland, and will not come back to the United States.

There are busier days to come in the next weeks for the Gentrys and the twenty-five men they keep employed the year around. Some 75 mares are to be bred this season. Mr. Gentry has not yet been in receipt of the books so could not divulge the records or tell us from whence come the other mares to Pompey, Petee-Wrack and Tintagel. However, thirty of the mares are on the place now, belonging to Hancock, and Field, the Stones' Morven Stud will have 12 or more mares coming over from the adjoining farm, and Van Clief's Green Mountain Esmont establishment will have at least eight mares serviced.

No training or breaking of yearlings is done at Ellerslie, and there is no track of any description. Yearlings are merely halter broken. Bryan Gentry is a student of the thoroughbred, blacksmith and general veterinary all in one. He does all of the shoeing on the farm, trimming, etc., rarely resorts to calling a vet. unless extreme cases arise.

Tucked in as the Ellerslie paddocks are, sheltered by the mountains running about them to the west and north west, yearlings are turned out an average of eight hours a day during the winter months. They are brought in for a mid-day meal, and then returned again to the open until four thirty. The Gentrys believe in sunshine, and except for the fact that the Saratoga bound yearlings' coats must glisten, they would really "be sun-burned in the summer time."

The yearlings get an average of 12 quarts of grain a day, and approximately twenty pounds of hay. Each is fed separately so that an accurate individual watch can be kept. In the rearing of Ellerslie yearlings, though in numbers it looks like mass-production, there is singular and accentuated care in the handling of each and every one. There are no group feedings at Ellerslie.

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### NATIONAL FAVORITE

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burden of only 142 pounds. (This looks long on odds and short on weight to us). Robert Lehman's Didore, English bred, at 33-1 carries the same, and F. Ambrose Clark's La Touche, a French one, with 144 pounds is with Frank M. Gould's What Have You, with 147 pounds, at 50-1.

If it is true that Hugh Thomas plans to ride his own Royal Mail favorite, totting 175 pounds, then it is fairly certain that F. Walwyn, who rode the winner Reynoldstown in 1936, will have a leg up on Delachance, weighted at 149, and Evan Williams will be on Drinmore Lad. It is further said that Bruce Hobbs will ride Flying Minutes; so if all these riders are right, then at least three of the American horses will be piloted by the best in Aintree jockeys. Bruce Hobbs, the brother of the famous trainer, Reginald Hobbs was approached for a ride on What Have You, but was engaged previously by Mrs. Clark. In the event that Flying Minutes does not go, then it is again comparably certain that Mr. Gould's entry will have Hobbs up when it comes post time.

It may be recalled that our own well known William B. Streett was knocking on What Have You when the starter dropped the flag last year, and had the misfortune to have the horse throw a temperamental bit of stubbornness and bolt for the paddock, then to fall over the first obstacle. Mr. Streett in a trans-Atlantic conversation last week was advised by Reginald Hobbs that What Have You had been now trained to

break from the English type of barriers.

Along with Royal Mail, the favorite is Airgead Sios with a load of 168 pounds which his owner Sir Francis Towle considers a fair weight, and has announced his intentions of starting. This superb horse, in the future books at 18-1, and now considerably less at 14-1, has won three times over a short Aintree course, winning the Beechers Chase in November, and recently beating Argental in the two mile Victory Steeplechase.

When these two met to quote: "There were a dozen runners, but although the affair was a handicap, it turned to be a two-horse race. Argental, winner of the event last year, and in receipt of eight pounds from his great rival started favorite. Neither horse had suffered defeat in a twelve-month, and when racing neck and neck out clear of their rivals, we anticipated a ding dong finish. Two fences from the post, however, Argental came down and it seemed to me that he had been outjumped. At the last fence, Airgead Sios blundered and came on to his knees, but recovered like a cat and went on to win easily. It was a spraking performance, this sixth successive win for Sir Francis Towle's gelding, and the owner must be mightily pleased that the son of Werwolf did not pass the vet when Mrs. James V. Rank made overtures to buy. Airgead Sios is the most vigorous and active horse imaginable and it is weird to think of his being turned down on account of an "invalid'd heart."

If Airgead Sios is under the penalty of heart failure his performances haven't shown it. It seems more that he is bound to give his competition "heart failure".

### VIRGINIA BREDS WIN

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finish going strong.

The following day a daughter of Gino, out of Sun Fritters in H. W. Jackson's Gin Fritters annexed a three furlong event for two-year-old maiden fillies. Holding gamely to her forward position throughout, she was up in the concluding strides to win by a nose of J. E. Widener's The Bride.

At the New Orleans Fair Grounds on Thursday, February 3, two victories in rapid succession were garnered by Virginia breds, the first, a mile and seventy yard event for three-year-olds, going to Mrs. I. H. Parke's Purple Wrack. The gelded son of the Petee-Wrack—Purple Ruby, after running under restraint most of the way, came through on the inside to win over Maepop with something in reserve.

Immediately following, Short Skirt, a five-year-old mare belonging to Sioux City Stables, easily took another mile and seventy yard race from Salaam. The daughter of Traumer and Sun Tess took command in the stretch and was never in danger.

At Hialeah on Friday, February 4, the two first events on the card were surrendered to Virginia breds. Number one, a contest for two-year-old maiden colts over the three furlong nursery course, was annexed by William Ziegler, Jr.'s Our Mat, a chestnut son of Our General—Matilda who managed to outlast strong opposition in spite of difficulties at the start. The second, a claiming race of seven furlongs for four-year-olds and up, went to J. Dunn's Gold Buckle, by Polydor out of Elastique II. The six-year-old bay gelding, after gamely staying with the pacemaker, showed ready willingness to close out Judge Leer in the final sixteenth.

The New Orleans Fair Grounds saw Mrs. B. Campbell's Knave, a gelded son of Genie—Princess Adele, the winner of a four-year-old and up claiming race, the six-year-old chestnut taking the lead after the first quarter and holding on stoutly to the close.

Two more victories in addition to that of Sun Egret occurred on Saturday last when Bonnie Brae Stable's five-year-old Dunlin—Super Ray mare Light, a frequent winner at Charles Town last season, displayed her usual form by capturing a one mile claiming race at Hialeah, while at Oriental Park, Medway Stable's bay gelding Euryalus, by Happy Argo—Marie Mahler, showed speed enough to last six furlongs and defeat Chance It.

The week's triumphs wound up at Havana on Sunday, February 6, with C. Troutt's Bedight, a gelded son of Dress Parade—Elaine, winning a five and a half furlong claiming event for four-year-olds and up.

Another of Petee-Wrack's get came to the fore last Monday at Hialeah when Oddessa's Pride, a young gelding out of Celiva from Oddessa Farm, romped off with a mile claiming race for three-year-olds. Likewise at New

Orleans the same day, D. P. Veneziano's Dutch, an eight-year-old gelding by Espino—Miss Vaal and Mrs. C. Henderson's Miss Joker, a five-year-old daughter of On Watch—Queen of Jest, were both victors, the former capturing a mile and seventy yard claiming race while the latter took one of a mile and sixteenth.

### CAMDEN HUNT RACE MEET

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Prophet, owned by Flying Horse Farms; Corn Dodger, of Paul Mellon's; and Dual Control owned by Frederick M. Warburg going in the early meetings.

Others in Camden now with horses are: James E. Ryan with his 29, carrying the silks of Richard K. Mellon, Mrs. Lewis A. Park, Campbell Weir, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, Brandywine Stable, the J. C. Bradys and Rokeby Stables; Randy Duffey with eleven, which include Fugitive owned by Mrs. G. H. Bostwick, (still in Middleburg here), and several others of promise, one of which is Singing Water, racing for Mrs. Jane Fowler Bassett; Hugh Dufford with twelve, a second group of Alvin Untermeyer's stable; and Thomas Forde whose quarters shelter three.

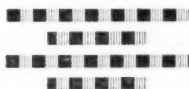
William B. Streett will join his horses now legging up in Aiken shortly. Ostend, owned by Mrs. Frank M. Gould is reported to be coming nicely; others of his are: Game Runner also of Mrs. Gould's, Jim Cabaniss of Mr. Gould's; Flying Centaur, a hurdle and brush horse of Mr. Streett's; and Zehucer, a brush horse owned by Edward Q. McVitty; and Gideon Ring, another brush, owned by Dale Heard.

Among horses in training now in Aiken are John Schiff's lot of ten, and Pete Bostwick's and Louis Stoddard, Jr.'s five. The stables in Aiken have some twenty more additional prospects which will see action in the early races.

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# Who Remembers?

By W. Gartrell

Dover House, built in 1807 by Benjamin Hixson, holds much of historic local interest. Robert Burns McCormick bought Dover House from the Hixson heirs in 1854 after it had been vacant for some years and, so said local tradition, was haunted.

Here were reared a family, three of whose members are well known here, the late Captain C. M. McCormick and another son who founded the large drug firm of that name in Baltimore.

During the Civil War, Dover House was headquarters for several months of Col. Sweetzer whose Pennsylvania troops were quartered in the large lawn and adjoining fields. Dover Mill then was operated by James Silcott and Shordon Palmer.

This large and prosperous place attracted many roving Yankees who visited it in search of food. Mrs. Elizabeth Wiggington Siebert, mother of Mrs. C. M. McCormick, often visited the McCormicks and was at the house one time when Anne, the colored slave maid rushed into the dining room with the news the "Road was swarmin' wid Yankee infamy!" Quickly donning a pair of hip boots beneath her voluminous skirts, Mrs. Siebert stored therein the family silver and sat looking on in demure dignity while the marauders looted the place.

Early in the war, Robert Burns McCormick was made a prisoner of war and, with his good friend, Dr. Harvey McVeigh, was incarcerated in the old Capitol Prison which was on the present site of the Supreme Court Building in Washington. In later years the ancient gaol was converted into a hotel and Miss Catherine McCormick made it a point to spend a night in the building where her father had endured the indignities of prison life.

The rigors of warfare proved too strenuous for Dr. McVeigh and he died of tuberculosis before the end of the civil strife. Mrs. McCormick also died shortly after the war and some years later Robert Burns McCormick and Mrs. McVeigh were

married. Dr. and Mrs. McVeigh had lived at Valley View, now the home of M. M. Pearson.

Old Dover Mill, turned by the waters of nearby Little River, was long a thriving grist mill. Built in 1800, it was in operation for many years after the Civil War. Then it fell into decay and the stones were used to build the Middleburg National Bank in 1924.

Upon his retirement from the Navy some years ago, the late Capt. C. M. McCormick returned and made his home at Dover House where his wife and family now live. One of Loudoun's finest citizens, Capt. McCormick served willingly and efficiently wherever he could further her interests.

Dover lies four miles due east of Middleburg and Dover Mill marks the site of one of Loudoun County's first business enterprises. From this village came other well-known Virginians whose stories will be told at a later date.

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# In The Country:-

And so it came to pass that on the seventh day the Times-Herald in Washington, owned by Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, sought out the Chronicle to gather in genuinely interesting and uniquely individual ideas for spring gardeners. Rachael Lloyd's "Gardening" column, appearing weekly in this paper was used almost verbatim in the Sunday issue of the Washington Hearst styled daily.

Mrs. Page Biddle is back again from Southern Pines, and reports that our Richard "Dicky" Wallach is ensconced in an office all of his own doing the Racing Secretarial role for the Sandhills Races, to be held there on March 19. He is doing a great job, along with Almet Jenks, Verner Z. Reed, Jr., Livingston Biddle and the Boyds, James and Jackson. The greatest race in years is expected, from Wallach's early morning telephone conversations.

Miss Wilhemine Kirby and North Fletcher motored to Warrenton from Camden the past week-end, to attend the funeral of the late Dave Waller. They returned to the Carolina state to further the Virginians' Horse Show Sunday.

The Paul Prybles were stopping over the week-end, just past, at the North Wales Club, popping down from New York, enroute to Florida, for several weeks.

The Walter Eatons, headed for the Carolinas, Aiken and Camden, even Pinehurst, stopped off to lunch with the George Sloanes at their Whitehall Farm. Mr. Eaton has a number of polo ponies down in Camden, which Dick Floyd is playing regularly, and recently astride of Eaton mounts, Captained the Camden four to triumph in the Creed trophy tourney.

The R. J. Kirkpatrick entertained at a hunt-breakfast at their lovely Twin Oakes Farm, last Saturday, after the good day's hunting with Warrenton hounds. Early arrivals and late stayers were the team of E. W. "Bunny" Winmill and Hugh Spilman.

William B. Streett, well known and successful trainer has international interests at this time of year. What Have You, which he rode and trained last year for the Aintree National is still in England under the able guidance of the celebrated Hobbs Brothers--Reginald trainer--Bruce rider. Mr. Streett in a long distance call on Sunday gleaned the information that What Have You was in fine fettle, should have won last outing, had been broken of stubbornness at post habits, and the Hobbs Brothers expected great things. For owner Frank M. Gould, it was also gathered, that if Flying Minutes owned by F. Ambrose Clark does not go, Bruce Hobbs will be aboard What Have You in the National.

Miss Jane Brooks, who is staying with the F. A. Reads, over the other side of the mountain, is keen about her Clifton's Rose, and though getting bashed up in a fall with the mare last week, is riding again. Her sister, Miss Betty Brooks is expected down this week for some hunting, entraining from Lake Forest, Ill.

Mrs. John Hinckley and Mr. Hinckley are back together again, after travelling the country from north to south. Mr. Hinckley journeyed to Aiken for a week's visit with Tommy Leiter there and Mrs. Hinckley was first in New York and then in Washington on wedding parties for cousins. They entertained on Wednesday night, at their Kilkenny, for the departing Mrs. E. Kenneth Jenkins, hitting the southward trail to-day for Aiken.

Mrs. Jenkins will join Mr. Jenkins, who left last Friday for Aiken and thence to Florida with his family the E. E. Jenkins. He will return to Aiken for several weeks stay there in "Chateau Derriere" with Miss Audrey Campbell and cousin Tommy Leiter.

Sailing on the Normandie for a six weeks cruise, were the Amory Carharts, Mrs. Eva Spilman, Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloane from the hunt-country. They are off to the Central

and South Americas on the luxury liner of the French.

The spirit of restlessness has again got to the Gould Shaws. She only recently returned from European travels, and he from California treks; both to put their enthusiasm together in remodeling their house and rewalling their grounds. The Shaws with Miss Dorothy Montgomery set off via the Lincoln Zephyr route to Miami last Saturday, to be gone several weeks.

If there is not much news this week, it is because the Chronicle has been on foot, and slowed down to a good stout pushing of his Ford, Rear-end in the month of October 1937, weaned in November, it has got into decided bad habits of stopping, even balking. All the best efforts of Winchester, Berryville, Middleburg and Warrenton haven't benefitted.

Hughie Spilman is entraining for Florida on the 18th to visit the John Buchanans at Boca Raton. He prefers the train, it is so much more exciting, with so many more possibilities, it is said, than the planes.

Tom Waller, son of the late Dave Waller, returned to Warrenton for his father's funeral. He is doing a great job with Robert W. Daniels' Brandon Stable horses, and has 12 of them going great guns at Hialeah. It was fine to see him looking so well when he was here.

Miss Polly Buchanan, a severe but friendly critic of the Chronicle's is up in Berwyn, Pa., visiting her future family-in-laws, the parents of her fiancé, William Stokes. Rumor hath it that there will be a spring wedding occasion.

The Clarke T. Baldwins entertained at luncheon Sunday for their house guests, the Arthur Richmonds, from Boston. Among those at the Baldwins' Bellevue were the John Hinckleys, William B. Streett, Major Leonard Drennan, of Monkton, Md., and Mrs. E. Kenneth Jenkins, who had entertained on Saturday night for the visiting Richmonds. Among those dining with Mrs. Jenkins were the George Sloanes, (he down from New York for the first time in weeks; Mrs. Frederick F. Alexandre, of New York, staying with the Sloanes; and others.

Mrs. George Sloane was in Richmond, on Monday last, following up her Anti-Bill Board movement, and squired by the great team of Lake Triplett of the Virginia Legislature and Senator Thomas Glascock.

Miss Addie Blackwell, one of the greatest sports-women in the earlier days of fox-hunting here, is still one of the sport's greatest friends. She was cheering Warrenton Hunt followers on, as they came through her place on last Saturday's run.

The William Doellers are now staying with Tommy Leiter in Aiken. Mr. Doeller journeyed to Washington on Monday for a troublesome tooth.

Mrs. William B. Streett wrote the Chronicle, from way down south west in Oklahoma, at Fort Sill, where she is visiting her sister. She is to return home on Saturday, with her charming daughter, Miss Sallie.

Mrs. John B. Anderson had a few in for dinner on last Saturday night in her lovely home, with a recently completed sun-room-drawin'-room, in the midst of Orange County. The Charles Cushman's entertained on Tuesday for a few friends in their Upperville home.

From Arizona comes more news of lion hunters' activities. With the William Hulburts, the Reginald Bishops, and the William Cliffords pressing the wiley puma hard; another party of St. Louisians are extending the big cat these days. Allen West, Mrs. Clair Ellinwood, Miss Jane Johnson are in this party, and advise that the chase is more exciting than the fox-hunt.

And the Chronicle's telephone, Middleburg 91, rang on Tuesday, and Mrs. Elmer (Margaret) Kerchhoff out in Creve Coeur, Missouri frantically advised us that after having moved from Valley Park, that the Chron-

icle was not arriving to cheer their hearts. The address has been changed, and we are carrying their Zebra advertisement this issue, see Horse Directory.

News comes that our friend, Franky Slate one of the greatest steeplechase jocks, formerly with the Trails End Stables, Clayton, Mo., is now up with the George Saportas in Monkton, Md. Also that Franky and Petey Reid had some interesting moments with the Maryland State Police, after fencing badly in their automobile the other night.

Henry Frost is now in Camden with his steeplechase and Hunt race charges, six of them, that he vanned in Hoffman's, from here last week. Raymond Grimes, driver, makes the run from Middleburg in a little over 13 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barker have taken the late Dave Waller Stable for some of their horses. The Barkers still have their "Needmore" Stable in Warrenton, and are well known in the Horse Show game.

Mrs. Holger Bidstrup was Chronicle recently as leaving for British Columbia, but after all we are delighted to find her still in our midst, and just returning from Hartford Conn., and New York, and doing the Honorary Whipper-in job nicely with Middleburg Hunt. We hope she hasn't any intentions of leaving before the hunting season is over.

Mrs. de Forrest W. Morton and her lovely daughter, Miss Margie have hid themselves again to Montgomery, Ala., and won't be back this way until later in the spring.

The John Rawlings of The Plains are in Florida for a month and with children, Miss Betty Kernan and George Kernan are staying with Miss Hunter Smith.

Miss Sallie Appleton is back from Fort Myers where she found many of the hunt-country wintering, including the Graham Camerons, Cliff Zieger, and the Carl Dunns, all with the Virginia Air Service, Florida winter division, with headquarters in the summer at Warrenton's Zieger Field.

Back again, the charming Mrs. Merrill Hubbard with her daughter Miss Mary Merrill, from Lake Forest, for the remainder of the hunting season, in the Arthur White town house she has taken. Mrs. Hubbard had left her hunters here, and returned to find them all fine and fit and ready for the long runs of this time of year with the "courting" foxes.

Mrs. Amory Perkins has returned to her "Shelter", after tripping it to Florida and hurriedly returning to New York, on a sad mission, when the sudden death of her brother there called her north.

The James Hamiltons returned from Camden on Sunday night after a weeks visit there with the Watson Pomeroy's. Jim Hamilton had to hurry back to Pittsburg to get his brother Tom in readiness for his wedding this Saturday when he marries Miss Ellen du Pont. Following the wedding, the Thomas Hamiltons will go to California and will make their home there for the present.

The Chronicle had the pleasure of the Julian Keiths' visit on Wednesday, and learned of their daughter Mrs. James Hamilton winning the brush in a fox-hunt down in the Carolinas. Mrs. Keith is going to do a sketch for us of our little brick Chronicle office. She has been busy with painting and fabricating these lovely lamp shades that depict different eras, one with the light on, another with the light off. The loveliest we've ever seen is the one Mrs. Nina Carter Tabb has for sale, exemplifying the old and new in hunting attire.

Good news and happy tidings come in an announcement from Mrs. Thomas Le Boutillier, II., Her daughter Marjorie Le Boutillier was married to Stewart Birrell Iglehart on Friday the fourth of February, in Westbury, Long Island. Mrs. Iglehart is probably the greatest girl poloist in the country, and of course Stewart the "Little Man", is ranked with Tommy Hitchcock at ten goals and was a sensation on the American team in England two years ago.

Our good friend, the most celebrated thoroughbred student in Virginia

W. J. Carter, sent us a new advertising client in the Opportunity Shop, Richmond, where Mrs. Meta Randolph Turpin has marelous antiques.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Harper returned to their home on Tuesday night from a week-end in New York where they were the guests of Mrs. William B. Coster of the Lombardy.

Mr. Lamar S. Wilkinson of Norfolk, Va., is up for a week's visit with the Courtland Smiths at Byrnelly.

Dr. A. C. Randolph, who left the mastering of Piedmont to George Slater while he took a brief trip to Florida last week, is back once more at Grafton

## CASUALTY LIST

Miss Jane Brooks, on her favorite and beautiful Clifton's Rose took a cropper with Blue Ridge last week over a trappy jump. Miss Brook came out badly with lacerations of the face, a severely wrenched shoulder and broken hand. She now sports a "banjo" splint on her left hand, which isn't sweet music to her. Despite her troubles, she was hacking on Sunday and hunting again this week.

Fred Haserick, following a tooth extraction, which seemed to be the root of all his serious and severe back pains, is feeling like a "new man" these days, and set off for Florida climes in Vero Beach this week with Mrs. Haserick and Miss Jane Wilbur, who went as far as Camden.

William Doeller, decided that his Washington dentist was the only one to handle a painful situation that arose in Aiken, so hustled to him on Monday. He returned immediately to the south after his Capital city extraction.

James Skinner, slowly but surely is overcoming the same old situation with increasing extractions.

William B. Watkins, M. F. H. of Blue Ridge is all well and going strong after losing 5 teeth and ten pounds to the doctor in Baltimore, recently.

Miss Lucie Duer, following the auto crash with Mrs. Bobby Winmill, enroute to Camden recently, a number of stitches were necessary to mend up a knee banged against the dash.

Mrs. Charles Harrison suffered a badly sprained ankle this week when she slipped and fell on some steps.

Miss Charlotte Noland, Joint M. F.H. of Middleburg, suffered a severe face scratching on Saturday last, when she got entangled with some sharp thorny briars.

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various opinions expressed, as to  
where to use Kroean, and how much  
seed per acre to use.

Korean lespe-  
deza is a small annu-  
al legume, that apparently in North-  
ern Virginia has a definite value if  
used about as indicated in the fol-  
lowing suggestions. On soils fited for  
red clover, no lespe-  
deza can well be  
substituted for red clover. Even  
when red clover seed is high, it will  
be false economy to substitute with  
lespe-  
deza.

1. 3 or 4 pounds of Korean seed per  
acre produces good results when  
used with a regular seeding of or-

chard grass, timothy, and clovers.  
If much more is used under these  
conditions, both orchard grass and  
timothy will be crowded in their  
first year, and a dappled stand will  
most likely result during the 3rd  
and 4th years of a grass stand.

2. On soils too thin for red clover,  
12 to 15 pounds per acre of Korean  
seed with timothy and red top, will  
give a good account of itself.

3. For improving old grass, Korean  
is very useful. 3. to 6 pounds of  
seed per acre broadcasted about  
March 1st most seasons, will not  
fail to succeed.

4. Washy, poor lands, showing very  
little grass, are greatly improved by  
broadcasting Korean lespe-  
deza about  
March 1st. Small gullies are cured,  
and sheet erosion is markedly check-  
ed, while some grazing is afforded  
even the first season.

Lespe-  
dezas reseed themselves, if  
properly handled. If grazed too light-  
ly, too much seed is produced and  
the subsequent stand is too thick;  
on thin soils, like dog hair or a mat  
of thin stems. Where a good stand  
is grazed, plenty of seed will be pro-  
duced for natural reseeding if the  
stubble left is about two inches high.

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having a value of about 80 per cent  
of the same grade of alfalfa hay.

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deza has been grown  
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local information is available to any-

one to now be pretty sure of the best  
methods of seeding and handling  
this plant.

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year cost about \$25 per bushel, or  
about \$3.12 per acre to seed. Korean  
lespe-  
deza seed to plant an acre as a  
substitute for red clover, will cost  
about \$1. No one for a minute be-  
lieves that resulting crops have per  
acre value of only the \$2.12 differ-  
ence between the costs of seed.  
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undoubtedly the very best legume  
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orchard grass or timothy, provided  
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tial service to our community. The enthusiasm of its membership, their  
loyalty to the department, and their willingness to serve have proved to be  
great assets. The results of their work are clearly evident in the manner in  
which they have extinguished fires and thereby saved property.

Through the kindness of the Editor of The Middleburg Chronicle we are  
permitted to express our appreciation to the membership for their services  
and to all those who have displayed an interest in the organization. Natu-  
rally, we are very much gratified over the results of this interest and service,  
and we are very grateful for the support given us by the citizens of this com-  
munity.

For the information of the public and with a view towards apprising them  
of the necessity for greater activity in the future, we submit a financial state-  
ment of the organization.

Statement of financial condition Fire Department:

#### Total Receipts Since Organization:

Dues from Members .....	94.00
Net profit from Carnival .....	2,221.51
Donations .....	\$3,709.47
Miscellaneous receipts .....	67.80

Total receipts .....

#### Total Disbursements Since Organization:

Seagrave Fire Engine Company .....	\$4,225.34
Eureka Fire Hose Company .....	1,000.00
Stirling Siren Alarm Company .....	200.00
Miscellaneous Equipment .....	104.01
Supplies .....	169.70
Postage and Printing .....	31.56
Miscellaneous Expense .....	107.65
Insurance on Members .....	115.00

Total Disbursements .....

Balance in Bank .....

#### What we have:

A modern fire engine .....	\$6,300.00
1,800 feet Standard fire hose .....	1,830.00
An electric Siren .....	345.25
An organization of 41 members.	

#### What we owe:

The Seagrave Fire Engine Company .....	\$2,076.33
Eureka Fire Hose Company .....	905.00
The Stirling Siren Alarm Company .....	145.25

The above figures clearly demonstrate the fact that an organization of this  
nature calls for financial aid. The most pressing need at this time is assist-  
ance in helping dispose of due items on hose and the erection of suitable fire  
house. Plans for the fire house are now under consideration by the depart-  
ment.

In the process of organizing the fire department the membership assumed  
a great responsibility. Let us not stand back and see this responsibility be-  
come a burden. We feel that this matter is one in which all should be inter-  
ested. In the near future the finance committee, recently appointed, will  
bring to you the story of "your" fire department. Listen to that represen-  
tative, consider the cost and maintenance of the fire equipment, and above  
all, remember fires are very unwelcome visitors.

We trust that plans now being formulated for more active participation in  
the fire department may lead to greater accomplishments in the future.



Warrenton

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two foxes, but the pack was handily put on one. A beautiful circle followed through Casanova Country, back of Bill Rowland's, around Rector's, where fox was headed coming out of cover near Lee Highway when he doubled back straight way for the "foxes-club-house". Whipper-ins Mrs. Streett and By waters turned the fox on from hounds, and he made for the Carpenter cover again.

Monday, Feb. 7, hounds were out again, meeting in the Canterbury Circle, on the farm of Col. Albert E. Peirce at eleven o'clock. A find was made by hounds on the Smith-Jones Place, on the bluff over looking the Rappahannock River and the fox made straightway to the Strother Hart's, circling almost to Amory Carhart's back to Jimmy Carter's then denned on Harry Pool's. Hounds acquitted brilliantly, considering the wind which was blowing a gale, and made it very difficult on the hill tops. Across good country, with good jumping and fine going, it was as fast as you could go for some twenty five to thirty minutes, while hounds made a three mile point.

Miss Sallie Spilman, the lone member of the field, enjoyed the day's sport, with the regular hunt-staff, acting M. F. H. Capt. Kirkpatrick and Honorary Whipper-in William Streett.

Others hunting with Warrenton this past week were. the E. Kenneth Jenkins, the Edward Friendlys, Miss Mildred Gaines, Joe Noland, J. North Fletcher, Miss Wilhelmine Kirby, Mrs. Clarke Baldwin, Miss Jane Baldwin, and Clarke, Jr., David Bat-chelder, Ralph McKee, Mrs. George Sloane, and Miss Jane Wilbur.

Hounds met on Wednesday and again showed followers sport, fox was started into a magnificent circle, and it was really galloping for twenty minutes, until hounds accounted by putting their quarry to ground on North Wales. The going was excellent and scent held so well that hounds ran breast high for much of the time. Capt. Kirkpatrick was again acting Master with William B. Streett out on his celebrated Fox Play, winner of the Warrenton Point to Point in 1936, doing the Honorary Whipper-in job. Mrs. John Hinckley and others were out including Miss Sallie Spilman who is out every time hounds go these days.

Orange County

Robert Young did the acting-Master job on Thursday, Feb. 3, when Mr. Fletcher Harper was away. The meet was at Zulla. With Mrs. Young, Mrs. James McMann, the Delancey Nicolls, Jack Skinner, Charley Harrison, Shelt Glascock and others were with hounds they moved off at eleven. It was warm, spring-like, with the going on the deep side.

A fox was started on the Ellis place of the J. S. Phipps', run for an hour, in a large circle which took fox, hounds and field visiting into Middleburg and Piedmont. Scent held well.

Going across the Ellis place, followers negotiated the macadam Pike, into Mrs. Nina Carter Tabb's and circled left handed through Middleburg country up through the Arthur White Chilton place, bearing left the whole way until it was across the pike again, into Raymond Guest's.

Up through the Guests' the fox was turned by a motorist on the sand-clay, Atoka-Rectortown, road, and swung on left-handed, going back through the Phipps land, on through the Bill Phillips' place, and always left-handed, finally went in back on the Ellis place. It was a magnificent circle, through as fine a country as there is in Virginia, and at that the fox gave followers an extra circle on the Ellis place, before going in.

When this fox was started, there were two of them, but the pack was handily put on one. Hounds weren't more than three hundred yards from him when he went to earth. It was really a good day, a wonderful run.

The meet was at John Clark's place on Saturday and Robert Young took hounds back of the Phipps' brick house where a fox was started, run across the Clark place over into the Furcron farm, thence across the Marshall-Plains road and back again to Furcron's where a loss was made. It was a mild warm day, the thermometer was high, conditions could not have been pleasanter.

In drawing on, another fox, this one a grey, was come on quickly, bolted right off to Middleton mountain and a good run ensued. The

grey carried hounds across the Roger Lambdon place and into the Sedan Cutting's. Little time was lost in negotiating the in and outs across the sand clay road into the Redmond place, and then after going into Meetze's woods, the fox went right handed in the Fletcher Harpers' where hounds accounted.

Hounds met at Rectortown on Monday, Feb. 7; weather cold and blustry; scenting conditions poor. A fox was started in Alvin Baird's woods which entered upon a run across John Rawlings, Sr., farm then crossed into Fred Carter place and on to the John Rawlings, Jr., farm. The wind had gotten so high at this point that hounds could do little with the line and were shortly afterwards taken in.

Tuesday's meet was at James McMann's home near Half Way. Drawing coverts back country, a fox was soon started on the Jouett Todd

place. With almost a perfect day to aid them, hounds were off and away, heading in the direction of Welsh's Mountain. After crossing the orchard adjoining the Landmark school house, the fox made straight for the mountain which he crossed and then into the Richard Simpson farm. On from there to the old Skinner farm, the fox swung back towards the mountain again and was accounted for in denning shortly afterwards.

Hounds were taken on from there to the Warren place where a grey was started. Running in a manner somewhat unusual for a grey, this second fox headed also straight for Welsh's Mountain, which he crossed over, and hounds overtook him, accounting on the other side.

Enjoying the best of sport that day were, Charles Harrison, Sr., and Jr., Miss Julia Whiting, the Robert Youngs, he acting Master still, Jack Skinner, Shelt Glascock, and others.

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## ACTING MASTER



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George Roberts Slater has been doing a fine job acting Master for the absent Dr. A. C. Randolph of the Piedmont Hunt, who is in Florida. Great runs have been turned in throughout the season by this pack, and a noteworthy one was enjoyed by followers with Mr. Slater last Friday. Mr. Slater is here pictured as he won the "Men's Side Saddle Class" at the Trinity Church Horse Show last fall. He can show the girls real form.

## NOW DOWN IN CAROLINA



—Chronicle Photo.

Mrs. R. C. Winnill, who was involved in a crash when driving south last week with Miss Lucie Duer, near Orange, is now enjoying the sport with Moore County Hounds, of which the James and Jackson Boyd brothers are co-Masters. Mrs. Winnill is shown here in her tandem turnout which won a prize in the Pageant Class of the Trinity Church Horse Show. Her driver is John Mason McClanahan, manager of the Winnills' Clovelly Farm. . . . .

## FOX IN THE HAND



—Hayes Photo.

U. S. Randle, sitting on the steps of his Bannockburn Farm home, near Fairfax has his own pet fox, and believes he's worth more than two in a cover. Mr. Randle enjoyed a great season last year on the show circuit with his Randle's Way, Randle's Pride and Claws, and has some fine new show horses coming up for this year.

## OFF TO CAMDEN



—Hayes Photo.

Miss Jane Wilbur, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Haserick of Warrenton, left recently with the Hasericks for Camden. Miss Wilbur hunted frequently this season with Warrenton, for which she wears the white collar, as well as with Piedmont, and is as good as they go astride.



